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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: CEVC, Gregor
Serial No.: Not Yet Known
Filed: Herewith
For: PREPARATION FOR THE APPLICATION OF AGENTS
IN MINI DROPLETS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 21, 2000

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before the examination of the above referenced application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-30 without prejudice to applicant's rights to pursue the subject matter in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please add new claims 31-69 as follows:

31. (New) A preparation suitable for transporting active agents through permeability barriers, comprising a plurality of transfersomes in a medium, said transfersomes comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable lipid and a pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant which is compatible with said lipid, the ratio of said lipid to said surfactant enabling said transfersomes to undergo sufficient deformation to enable said transfersomes to pass as an entity through a permeability barrier which has pores smaller than the size of said